



Proposal to
change the time of

SUNDAY EVENSONG to 3.30pm

November 2025

The Dean would like to canvas opinion on a proposal to bring the time of Sunday Evensong forward to 3.30pm each week, instead of 6pm as now.

If you consider yourself to be a stakeholder in any way – if you are

- a congregation member,
- a lay clerk or chorister,
- a chorister parent, a chorister chaperone,
- a virger,
- a steward,
- a server,
- a member of Cathedral staff
- or in any way have an interest

– please offer your thoughts on the following questions.

This leaflet can also be downloaded from the Cathedral website and returned electronically

<https://www.guildford-cathedral.org/worship/services/choral-evensong>



Or use the QR code below to complete online

The deadline for offering an opinion is noon on Sunday 30 November; please return your replies to Canon Rachel Young (by hand or by email rachel.young@guildford-cathedral.org) by then. A paper will then go to Chapter on Tuesday 9 December for a discussion and decision. Thank you.

Question 1

What group of stakeholder do you belong to?

Question 2

What advantages can you see for bringing the time of Sunday Evensong forward to 3.30pm? Please tick those that you agree with:

- It would help travelling during the darker nights of autumn and winter
- It would provide a new space for worship, discipleship or other spiritual events in the evening on Sundays
- Write here any others you think of:

Question 3

What disadvantages can you see for bringing the time of Sunday Evensong forward to 3.30pm?

- It will shorten the time between the end of the Choral Eucharist and the beginning of Evensong
- It would curtail the time that visitors would be able to look around the building on a Sunday
- Write here any others you think of:

Question 4

Having considered these, what would be your personal conclusion?

- Yes, let's do it
- I'm ambivalent / I don't mind
- No, let's not do it

Please return to Canon Rachel Young, by hand or by email rachel.young@guildford-cathedral.org, before 12 noon on Sunday 30 November.

Thank you very much.